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The lecture was followed by an informal reception in the library, and by an inspection of the library, laboratories, herbaria and the museum exhibits.

C. STUART GAGER,
Secretary.

NEWS ITEMS

Dr. Herbert Maule Richards has been promoted to the professorship of botany in Barnard College, Columbia University.

Dr. W. W. Rowlee, assistant professor of botany in Cornell University since 1893, has been advanced to the rank of professor.

Conway MacMillan has resigned the professorship of botany in the University of Minnesota in order to engage in business enterprises.

We learn from *Science* that Dr. George Macloskie, professor of biology in Princeton University since 1875, has been appointed professor emeritus.

Dr. Duncan S. Johnson, associate professor of botany in Johns Hopkins University since 1901, has been advanced to the professorship of botany in that institution.

Lucien M. Underwood, Torrey professor of botany in Columbia University, received the degree of doctor of laws from Syracuse University at the last annual commencement, June 13.

In the Ohio State University, Mr. Robert F. Griggs has recently been promoted to an assistant professorship of botany, and Miss Freda Detmers to an instructorship in the same subject.

Dr. C. F. Millspaugh, curator of the botanical department of the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, returned in the latter part of June from a three months' visit to Europe.

Miss Helen Letitia Palliser (A.B., Columbia, 1905), who has been pursuing graduate studies in Columbia University during the past year, has accepted an appointment as assistant in biology in Vassar College.

Dr. T. C. Frye, professor of botany in the University of Washington, at Seattle, is spending a month at the New York Botani-

cal Garden, engaged in studying his collections of Pacific Coast mosses.

Mr. Howard S. Reed, instructor in botany in the University of Missouri since 1903, has resigned that position to accept an appointment in the Bureau of Soils of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Dr. George H. Shull, of the department of experimental evolution of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, has recently been in Santa Rosa, California, making a study of Mr. Luther Burbank's experiments in plant breeding.

Dr. Forrest Shreve, recently appointed associate professor of botany in the Woman's College, Baltimore, returned June 11 from a residence of eight months at the tropical laboratory of the New York Botanical Garden at Cinchona, Jamaica.

Dr. Cyrus G. Pringle, keeper of the herbarium of the University of Vermont, returned in June from his twenty-fifth annual collecting trip to Mexico, but left Burlington on July 5 for another Mexican expedition. He was given the honorary degree of doctor of science at the last commencement of the University of Vermont.

The *Botanical Gazette* for June states that Dr. Bradley Moore Davis, assistant professor of botany in the University of Chicago, has been spending the spring in Cambridge, completing a textbook of botany in co-authorship with Mr. Joseph Y. Bergen; also that his connection with the University of Chicago ended on July 1.

The German Botanical Society offers a prize of one thousand marks for the best essay on the correctness of the doctrine of the polymorphism of the algae. Manuscripts submitted in competition must be written in German, English, French, or Italian, and must be in the hands of the secretary of the Society, Prof. Dr. Carl Müller, Steglitz bei Berlin, Zimmerstrasse 15, by December 31, 1907.